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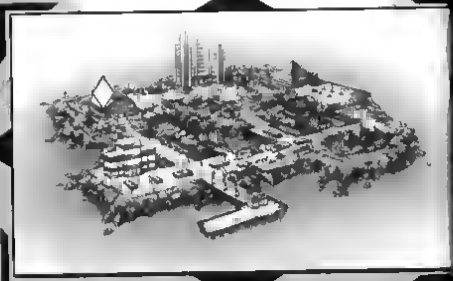

WE HAVE TO DO OUR PART SO WE'LL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT EMERALD WITH THE BACKUP HE NEEDS!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, DID YOU KNOW THAT EMERALD ACTUALLY CHEERED ONE OF HIS POKÉMON ON DURING HIS ARENA CHALLENGE?
YOU DON'T SAY!
HMM. TO THINK THAT EMERALD WOULD DO THAT...
I'M SURE EVEN EMERALD HIMSELF WAS SURPRISED...
BUT... THAT BOY IS DEFINITELY CHANGING...
...AND I HAVE A FEELING HE WILL CHANGE AFTER HE GOES THROUGH WITH THE INDIGO THIS TIME!
THAT'S RIGHT! LIFE-CHANGING EVENTS WILL MAKE PEOPLE CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.
AND A RADICAL PERSON CHANGES RADICALLY!
YOU'RE...
PROFESSOR BIRCH!

IT'S AN HONOR TO FINALLY MEET YOU!
LIKEWISE! I INVITED YOU OVER BECAUSE... WELL, WHO BETTER TO ASK ABOUT HOENN THAN SOMEONE FROM HOENN, AM I RIGHT?
AND ALSO, I SPECIFICALLY INVITED YOU OVER FOR ANOTHER REASON...
...PROFESSOR BIRCH...

YEEEAH! AFTER ALL THAT RESTING, MY BODY'S IN TIP TOP SHAPE NOW!
I'M GONNA CONQUER THE BATTLE DOME TODAY!

SWISH
POP
POP
WELCOME!
WHOA!
HUP!!
LEAP
WELCOME TO THE BATTLE FRONTIER OPEN PRESS CONFERENCE EVENT.
THE FIFTH FACILITY'S BATTLE DOME!!
WAHAHAHA!
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THE DAY OF OUR FATEFUL ENCOUNTER HAS FINALLY ARRIVED, EMERALD!
OH... HIS SALAMENCE IS CARRYING HIM...
TAP
MANY THINGS HAVE HAPPENED SINCE I FIRST MET YOU AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE... NOW THAT I KNOW YOUR ABILITIES AND YOUR TRUE PURPOSE HERE...
..I'D LIKE TO BURY THE HATCHET AND SHOW MY RESPECT TO YOU BY REGARDING YOU AS A TRAINER AND NOTHING LE...!!
WHO CARES ABOUT ALL THAT!
LEMME KNOW THE RULES OF THIS FACILITY ALREADY!
GRR! THIS BRAT REALLY TICKS ME OFF!
BE... BEFORE THAT...
!!BEHOLD!!

ROAAAAR
HUH? WHAT'S THAT BIG SHIP SUPPOSED TO BE?
TIDE-RIP
THAT WOULD BE THE TIDE-RIP, MY FRIEND! THE LUXURY LINER THAT CONNECTS THE BATTLE FRONTIER TO HOENN!!

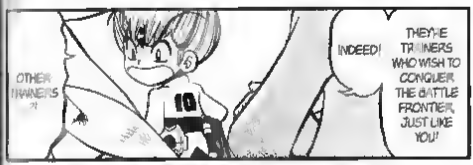
WOW... YOU HAVE SOME THING LIKE THAT HERE?
LATIAS AND LATIOS BROUGHT ME HERE, Y'SEE SO I HAD NO IDEA...

HEY, THERE'S A LOTTA PEOPLE COMING OFF THAT SHIP!
WHO ARE THEY?

NEH! I HAPPEN TO BE THE "DOME ACE TUSSER" DON'T YOU KNOW!
THE MORE PEOPLE THERE ARE IN THE DOME, THE BETTER I'M ABLE TO PERFORM. THAT'S WHY WE NEED A HUMONGOUS AUDIENCE GROWD FOR THIS BATTLE

AND THAT'S NOT ALL! LOOK ABEFULLY!!

I'VE ALSO INVITED OTHER TRAINERS FROM THE PUBLIC WHO'D LIKE TO CHALLENGE THE BATTLE DOME AS WELL!


OTHER TRAINERS ?
INDEED!
THEY'RE TRAINERS WHO WISH TO CONQUER THE BATTLE FRONTIER, JUST LIKE YOU!

TUCKER'S FACILITY, THE BATTLE DOME...
...IS A TOURNAMENT-BASED FACILITY AFTER ALL
OOH!

SO FAR, THE TRAINERS YOU'VE BATTLED IN ALL THE FACILITIES WE'RE ALL "VIRTUAL" TRAINERS.
...IN OTHER WORDS, YOU WERE MERELY BATTLING AGAINST THE COMPUTER.

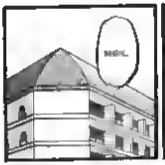
WE ALLOWED THAT PREVIOUSLY, BECAUSE IT WAS MERELY A AVATON WHERE YOU JUST HAD TO KEEP DEFEATING ANYTHING IN YOUR WAY...
HOWEVER, IF WE WERE TO PERMIT THAT FOR A FULL OUT TOURNAMENT, WE'D BE ASKING THE AUDIENCE TO SPEND LONG HOURS LOOKING AT THE COMPUTER BATTLE AGAINST ITSELF...

THE OWNER FELT THAT IT WOULD LIKELY BORE THE AUDIENCES WATCHING, SO HE HAS AGREED TO ALLOW OTHER TRAINERS BESIDES YOURSELF TO TAKE PART IN THE BATTLE DOME
I SEE
ALTHOUGH...
BESIDES HOLDING THIS EVENT FOR THE FRONTIER, WE STILL HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT OUR BATTLE AGAINST GUILE AS WELL AS JIRACHI'S CAPTURE.
SOME HAVE EVEN ASKED IF IT'S WISE FOR US TO ALLOW SO MANY PEOPLE INTO THE FRONTIER IN SPITE OF ALL THAT, BUT...
...THIS IS WHAT I, ANABEL HAVE DECIDED ON IN THE END
THE FRONTIER BRAINS WILL PROTECT ALL THE GUESTS OF THE BATTLE FRONTIER! THAT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY!
IT'S FINE, ISN'T IT?
'SIDES, I'M GONNA DEFEAT 'EM ALL ANYWAY, SO IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME IF MY OPPONENTS ARE VIRTUAL OR REAL!
HEH HEH HEH! I KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT!
...ICY AND GRETA WILL BE KEEPING THE AUDIENCE IN SOON...
YOU CAN BE REST ASSURED, JUST GIVE THIS BATTLE YOUR BEST SHOT
THANKS! I'M COUNTING ON YOU THEN!
COME ON! LET'S GO ALREADY!!
...EACH TOURNAMENT STARTS OFF WITH 16 TRAINERS, 1 WE, RALD, WINNING ONE TOURNAMENT MEANS YOU WIN ONE SET...
...AND YOU'LL ONLY BE ABLE TO GO UP AGAINST ME, DOME ACE TUCKER, IN THE FIFTH SET"!
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU LOSE A SINGLE ONE ARE WE CLEAR?!
HEH, I DON'T NEED YOU TELLING ME THAT!!
...HAVE TO WIN A TOTAL OF AT LEAST 16 BATTLES?
RUSTLE

ROOMMMMM
WOW!!
CHEER CHEER CHEER
CHEER CHEER
THERE'S SO MANY OF 'EM!
TALK ABOUT A HUMONGOUS TURNOUT!
SAY... WHERE'S THAT REPORTER THAT USUALLY FOLLOWS YOU AROUND?
HE SAYS HE'S STAYING IN THE HOTEL TODAY TO SORT OUT ALL THE PICTURES HE TOOK!
WHAAAT?!
SHOCKED
HE DOESN'T INTEND TO COVER THE BATTLE YOU'LL BE HAVING AGAINST THE GREAT DOME ACE TUCKER!!

WAAAAAH!! I'M SOOO GOING TO MAKE HIM REGRET NOT COMING TODAY!! JUST YOU WAIT!
WAH HAH HAH HAH!! THANK YOU FOR COMING, EVERYBODY!!
I AM DOME ACE TUCKER!
AH WELL! GUESS I SHOULD HEAD OVER TO THE CHALLENGER'S CORNER NOW...
OH HEY! YOU'RE ALL HERE ALREADY!
GLARE

WEDGE
SCUSE ME!


SIGH...

I HAD NO IDEA I HAD TAKEN SO MANY PICTURES...
BETTER GET THEM SORTED, HMM?

THIS PHOTO...

HERE TOO...
THIS ONE AS WELL...

I DIDN'T NOTICE IT WHEN I WAS TAKING THIS PICTURE. BUT... I GUESS SCEPTILE'S AFFECTION FOR EMERALD HAS BEEN PRETTY OBVIOUS ALL THIS TIME..
THERE'S SCEPTILE LOOKING AT EMERALD!

O SCEPTILE HAS ALREADY TAGGED TO EMERALD RIGHT FROM THE START, HUH...
TAG! TAG!

CLUNK!
YEOWCH!

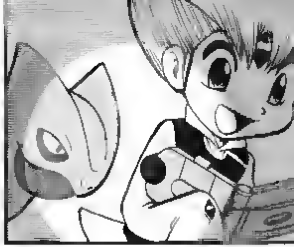
OW-OW-OW-!! I'M BLEEDING !!
BAND AID! I NEED A BAND AID!

HELLO, IS THIS THE FRONT DESK?! I HAD A LITTLE MISHAP...
COULD I GET A BAND AID AND SOME DISINFECTANT HERE, PLEASE?!

ZOOM
WHOA, THAT WAS FAST! PLEASE COME IN!
CLICK
A-A A NURSE?! BUT I'M NOT THAT BADLY INJURED, REALLY..!!

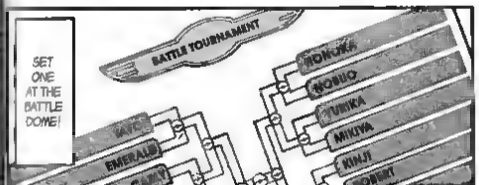
LET'S SEE THAT FINGER OF YOURS...

BUT... THAT WOULD MEAN...
...THERE MUST BE SOMETHING THAT MADE SCEPTILE SO INTERESTED IN EMERALD'S POKÉDEX...



OH, IT'S YOU! YOU'RE IN DISGUISE AGAIN?
YES, RALD ASKED ME TO HELP HIM INVESTIGATE THE WHEREABOUTS OF RUBY AND SAPPHIRE

YEAH! I SEE HOW INTENSELY SCEPTILE IS LOOKING AT HIM?!
ARE THOSE PHOTOGRAPHS OF RALD?


SET ONE AT THE BATTLE DOME!
BATTLE TOURNAMENT
RONKA
RONBO
TONKA
MIKIYA
KINJI
ROBERT
RALD
EMERALD

HEH HEH, YOU'RE RIGHT! THE SCEPTILE IS QUITE INTERESTED IN RALD'S POKÉDEX, ISN'T IT?
EH?

YES, THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO ME...
IT'S NOT LOOKING AT EMERALD, BUT HIS POKÉDEX?
IT MAY BE ATTACHED TO RALD RIGHT NOW BUT IT WAS PROBABLY MORE INTERESTED IN RALD'S POKÉDEX AT FIRST

OCCULT FANATIC HONOKA VERSUS RELIC FANATIC NOBUO!!
"SHADOW BALL"!!
"ROCK BLAST"!!
BATTLE GIRL YUKARI VERSUS DEBUGGER MIKIYA!!
"MEGATON PUNCH"!!
"MACH THRUST"!!
NINJA WANNABE KINJI VERSUS GENTLEMAN ROBERT!!
"DRAIN PUNCH"!!
"KNOCK OFF"!!

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Thank you for being here to cover the opening of the Battle Frontier facility!

SCOTT

Please allow us to continue explaining the rules of the facilities

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES OF EACH FACILITY

BATTLE DOME PART 3

■ DETAILS ABOUT THE "RANKING" SYSTEM ■

the first line of the profile on each trainer's Battle Card consists of their "ranking" which is based on the Frontier's ranking system. the sentence listed on the card will indicate the rank of the trainer as per the box to the right

HIGHER	THE TOP TITLE FAVORITE OF THE TOURNAMENT
	THIS TEAM WILL DEFINITELY MAKE IT TO THE FINALS.
	THIS TEAM HAS SOME POWERFUL POKEMON IN IT
	ONE OF THE TITLE FAVORITES OF THE TOURNAMENT
	A TEAM WITH TOP-CLASS ABILITIES.
	THE DARK HORSE OF THE TOURNAMENT.
	A TEAM THAT IS SLIGHTLY ABOVE AVERAGE.
	AN AVERAGE TEAM
	A TEAM WITH AVERAGE ABILITIES
	A TEAM THAT IS SLIGHTLY BELOW AVERAGE
	THIS TEAM MAY BE ABLE TO WIN ONE MATCH
	WOULD BE GOOD IF THIS TEAM COULD WIN ONE MATCH
	= BOTTOM BRACKET GAME
	A TEAM WITH RATHER POOR ABILITIES.
LOWER	IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THIS TEAM TO WIN.
	THE TEAM WITH THE LEAST CHANCE OF WINNING

➡ As you watch the tournament please use the chart on the right as a reference for the ranks of the trainers involved.

■ ABOUT DOUBLE KNOCKOUTS ■

This is the only facility where in the event of a draw the trainer with the higher rank on their Battle Card will be counted as the winner